

Media Advisory

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Flag raising event and media availability

Who: Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System

What: WWII Navy Veteran Joe Loyacano will raise the American, POW and Louisiana flags for the first time at the new Veterans medical center on S. Galvez Street in New Orleans.

Fernando O. Rivera, FACHE, SLVHCS medical center director will serve as the Master of Ceremonies and Maj. Gen. Glenn H. Curtis, Louisiana National Guard adjutant general, will be the guest speaker. A presentation of the colors by a military color guard of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, a 21-gun salute in honor of our nation's flag and music by the American Legion Post 175 band will also be a part of the ceremony.

When: SLVHCS leadership will be available to media beginning at 8:15 a.m. for Q&A or interviews. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m., followed by tours of the new medical center

Where: At the flag pole for the new medical center on S. Galvez Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Additional Information: Media must check in at the check in table.

R.S.V.P. to Amanda Jones by email at amanda.jones6@va.gov or call 504-565-4852 (office), 225-252-7122 (blackberry) to RSVP.

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